



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents

FROM: Michael Roach, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction

DATE: May 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Indiana Algebra Readiness Conference

The I-STEM Resource Network and the Indiana Department of Education are sponsoring the Indiana Algebra Readiness Conference on June 24, 2008 from 9:00 until 4:00 at the University Place Conference Center on the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

The conference will present instructional strategies and resources for middle school mathematics teachers, Algebra I teachers and administrators to help prepare students for success in Algebra I. The conference will include whole-group and breakout sessions conducted by three nationally recognized experts on success in Algebra. The sessions will include Algebraic Habits of Mind, Cognitive Demand of Mathematical Tasks, and Formative Assessment for Success in Algebra.

The Algebra Readiness Conference is the first event in an Algebra Readiness Initiative that will provide online resources for educators and regional workshops across Indiana in July and August.

Information on registering for the conference is available on the I-STEM Resource Network website <http://www.istemnetwork.org>. There is no cost for registration at the conference. Teams of teachers and administrators from school districts are encouraged to attend. Space for attending the conference is limited, so please consider registering early.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Walker by email (istem@istemnetwork.org) or by phone at 765- 494-2757.